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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. Additional information has become available, supplementing paragraphs 56, 57, 70 and 73 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/167).

2. In response to the Secretary-General's note verbale, additional replies have been received from three Member States, bringing to 32 the total number of replies received as of 10 September 2003.

3. The Governments of Gabon and Swaziland supported the convening of a high-level policy consultation.

4. The Government of the Dominican Republic also suggested that a high-level policy consultation would enable the development of programmes improving the quality of life of rural women, combating poverty, hunger and diseases, while at the same time promoting agricultural development in rural areas. The consultation carried out by the Government had led to the development of small programmes improving the life of rural women.

5. The Government of the Czech Republic submitted a report on the situation of rural women in the Czech Republic, outlining that the main obstacles concerned access to employment, social and health care, and education.

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